



IUEC TWBN COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

The 2026 Tradeswomen Build Nations (TWBN) Conference will be held in Houston, Texas, from Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11, 2026. Hosted by the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), this major annual event brings together thousands of tradeswomen, tradespersons, and allies from across the skilled trades for education, networking, and advocacy. The 2026 program will emphasize professional development and mentorship while addressing critical industry challenges such as safety, workplace culture, retention, and leadership development. TWBN continues to offer a valuable experience through workshops and seminars focused on understanding unions, labor history, contract awareness, and building strong union members.

We are also proud to announce that IUEC Day will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2026, immediately prior to the start of the TWBN Conference. Following the tremendous success of last year's inaugural event, IUEC Day will return with an expanded and impactful program dedicated to the Sisters of the IUEC. Members are invited to join our General Officers and International Leadership for a full day centered on strengthening technical knowledge, leadership development, contract awareness, safety practices, and mentorship across our membership.

As part of last year's program, General President Frank Christensen and Assistant General President Jim Chapman III led an important discussion on Article IV work violations, followed by an informative question-and-answer session. The program also featured presentations on safety, mental health first aid, and leadership development, creating a well-rounded and meaningful experience that addressed both the professional responsibilities and personal well-being of our members. With over 200 IUEC members in attendance, including 120 sisters, the strong turnout and high level of engagement demonstrated the importance of creating dedicated space for connection, learning, and collective strength.

We respectfully ask for your support in sharing this important information and encouraging members to participate in **IUEC Day on Thursday, October 8, 2026, followed by the full TWBN Conference from October 9–11, 2026**. Don't get left behind - participation in both IUEC Day and the full TWBN conference provides a unique opportunity to gain critical skills, strengthen leadership capacity, and build lasting connections that benefit our trade as a whole.

For questions, please contact Nicole Wiet, IUEC TWBN Committee Chair and EIWPF National Coordinator, at nwiet@eiwpf.org, or Lindsay LaBrosse, IUEC TWBN Committee Co-Chair and IUEC Local 19 Business Representative, at llabrosse@iuec19.org.

In Solidarity,

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